



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS*, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 11.9 minutes, with 44,193 deaths by suicide in our country during 2015; and
- WHEREAS*, Campbell County has lost 91 residents to suicide since 2009; and
- WHEREAS*, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 15-44 in Wyoming and Wyoming has the highest rate of suicide in the nation; and
- WHEREAS*, each death by suicide takes a devastating toll on family and friends; and
- WHEREAS*, the stigma associated with suicide works against prevention efforts by discouraging those at risk from seeking life-saving help and traumatizes the survivors of suicide; and
- WHEREAS*, suicide is preventable with education and intervention; and
- WHEREAS*, community-wide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Louise Carter-King, Mayor of the City of Gillette, along with the Campbell County Suicide Prevention Coalition, do hereby proclaim the week of September 10th – 16th, 2017 as:

National Suicide Prevention Week in the City of Gillette, WY

As Mayor, I call upon all members of our community to support efforts that increase community awareness, understanding and action to prevent suicide in our community.

Signed this 5th day of September 2017.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk
(Attest)